

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

May 15, 2007 – 3:00 p.m. – W135 House Building

Members Present:

President John L. Valentine, Chair
Speaker Greg J. Curtis, Vice-Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Sen. Ed Mayne
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

Members Absent:

Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. David Litvack

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Ms. Gay Taylor, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Beverlee LeCheminant, Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

President Valentine called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Eastman was absent for the vote.

2. Letters from Interim Committees and Appropriations Subcommittees

Mr. Christensen reviewed letters from interim committees and appropriation subcommittees regarding study items and site visits for the 2007 interim.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Capital Facilities and Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee's request to conduct a two-day tour of sites relating to capital development requests that are likely to arise during the 2008 General Session. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Education Interim Committee's request to participate in a joint meeting with the Public Education and Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittees, the State Board of Education, and the State Board of Regents. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee's request to add Master Study Resolution Item 151, Nonprofit Water Companies, to its study list. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Health and Human Services Interim Committee for the 2007 interim. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Transportation Interim Committee with the addition of railroad safety. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to also assign to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee study items, Master Study Resolution Item 151, Nonprofit Water Companies, and aviation issues and directed that committee to coordinate their efforts with the Transportation Interim Committee and the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and the Environment Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the request from the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee to create a subcommittee consisting of two senators, one from each party, and three representatives, no more than two from one party, to complete the rewrite of Utah Code Title 17A relating to special districts and that the subcommittee be authorized to hold up to three meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to approve the agenda for the Higher Education and Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee's joint meeting with the State Board of Education and State Board of Regents on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the additional study items requested by the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the agenda of the Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard Joint Appropriations Subcommittee who requested to meet during the month of June with a date yet to be determined. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Bramble said that LMC has been authorizing several subcommittees and when per diem is being paid for task force and subcommittee members, he feels it would be appropriate to communicate to the chairs in writing, with the approval of this committee, that they be encouraged to use as much time on each authorized day as they can for more effective use of time and resources.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved that staff prepare a letter with the signature of the Speaker and the President encouraging the subcommittee and task force chairs to use the entirety of the day for their meetings so they are being efficient with the use of the taxpayers' dollars. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adoption of Web Policy on Broadcasting or Recording a Meeting

Ms. Taylor indicated that on page 22 of the current policy governing the use of committee rooms in the House Building there is a modification that "Internet broadcasting of meetings held in these committee rooms be limited to legislative sessions, legislative standing committees, legislative appropriation committee and subcommittees, legislative interim committees; or statutorily created committees, commissions, or task forces where legislative participation is required by law and legislative staff to those committees, commissions, or task forces is also required by law or authorized by LMC."

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to adopt the change to the LMC's policy governing use of committee rooms in the House Building relating to Internet broadcasts. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adoption of Policy on Commercial and Free Speech Activities in the Legislative Area of the Capitol Hill Complex

Ms. Taylor stated that changes to LMC policies which address commercial and free speech activities in the legislative area of the Capitol Hill Complex were made in October 2006, but were never adopted by this committee for 2007 and 2008 LMC Policies.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to adopt as LMC policies for 2007 and 2008 those that were initially adopted in October 2006 that address "Commercial and Free Speech Activities in the Legislative Area of the Capitol Hill Complex." The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

Mr. Christensen indicated that as LMC approved a site visit to Davis and Salt Lake Counties for August 16th and 17th, staff has been working with those counties regarding which day each county will be visited by the Legislature. He said that Salt Lake County chose Thursday, August 16th, and Davis County chose Friday, August 17th. Since that time, Davis County has realized that they have a conflict on Friday in that the Davis County Commission has had a long standing annual event on that day which would be a major conflict in having a site visit as well. Because of this conflict, staff has suggested that Davis County's site visit be held on Wednesday, August 15th.

MOTION: Sen. Eastman moved to change the site visit to Salt Lake and Davis Counties from August 16th and 17th to August 15th and 16th. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Bramble said that because he was out of town, he missed the LMC meeting in April and would like to know what has been decided regarding the date of the trip to the Liaoning Province.

Mr. Christensen said that staff is still working on the flights to the Liaoning Province in order to get the best route and the best price, so the date for the trip may change by one day.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to authorize staff to schedule the flights to the Liaoning Province with some flexibility on dates to be able to get the best price. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President Valentine adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

